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CRANKS AND COUNTERSHAFTS

"Where are you working now?"

"A. & P."

"Oh, you're one of the chain gang."

—*Cornell Widow.*

"I hear that the flea circus got stranded in Allentown."

"Yes—the leading lady ran off with a poodle."

—*Lafayette Lyre.*

FRATERNAL

"No, Richard," she said, "I cannot marry you, but I will be a sister to you."

"Good! How much did we inherit from our father?"

—*Exchange.*

"Well, Dad, Betty won the blue ribbon at the beauty show."

"Good, now she'll have something to wear."

—*Boston Beanpot.*

TOUGH!

Butler: "Sir, your wife has eloped in the car with the chauffeur!"

Doctor: "Dammit! Where will I find another like her; why I used to get twenty miles to the gallon out of the old crate."

—*Exchange.*

CHOOSE YOUR ASSOCIATES, LITTLE MAN

"Mama, can I go out to play?"

"What, with those holes in your pants?"

"No, ma'am. With the little boy next door."

—*Exchange.*

Beau: "So you say your big sister sent you down to entertain me until she comes down?"

12-year-old: "Yes, shall we turn on the radio and shake it up, or do you want to neck?"

THEY ALL SMELL THAT WAY

Bill: "Your girl is somewhat spoiled, isn't she?"

Jim: "No, that's only the perfume she uses."

—*Wisconsin Engineer.*

"Ouch! I bumped my crazy bone!"

"Oh, well, comb your hair right and the bump won't show."

Mary had a little dress,
A dainty bit and airy;
It didn't show the dirt a bit,
But oh, how it showed Mary!

Mary had a little lamp,
A jealous one no doubt;
For every time her boy-friend came,
The little lamp went out. —*Exchange.*

WHY THE ENGAGEMENT WAS BROKEN

A chap was telling how his engagement came to be broken.

"When I kissed her, Bill," the poor fellow mused, "I smelt tobacco on her breath."

"What a Mid-Victorian chump you are," said Bill. "So you object to women who smoke?"

"Bill, she doesn't smoke." —*Exchange.*

Prof: "I'll not go on with the lecture until the room settles down."

Frosh: "Better go home and sleep it off, old man." —*Exchange.*

Waiter (politely): "I am sorry to annoy you, but I saw you put a silver spoon in your hand bag."

Accused (angrily): "My physicians' orders."

Waiter (politely): "Oh, if you mean you are being treated for kleptomania, I'll not report the matter if you'll return the spoon."

Accused (persistently): "My physician instructed me to take a large teaspoon after each meal."

—*Exchange.*

"Mother, is it correct to say you water the horse when he is thirsty?"

"Yes dear."

"Well, then," said Tommy, picking up the saucer, "I'm going to milk the cat."

A real estate salesman of Arizona had just finished describing the opportunities of that state.

"All Arizona needs to make it the garden spot of the world is good people and water," said he.

"Umph," replied the prospect, "That's all Hell needs."

BULL

"Dear."

With a glance she tried to cow him.

But he only looked sheepish.

"Puppy!" she exclaimed.

He choked—there was a frog in his throat, then, realizing he had made an ass of himself by acting like a bear, he ducked.

Desk Sergeant: "You found dis guy looting a cemetery?"

Cop: "Yas, so I knocked him for a ghoul."

—*Exchange.*

Manager (to opera applicant): "Do you know anything about Carmen?"

She: "Yes, I was out with a conductor last night."

Hubby: "Gee, but I miss that old spittoon!"

Wife: "That's precisely why I took it away!"

—*Exchange.*

The latest etiquette questions briefly answered:

Q.—May lettuce be eaten with the fingers?

A.—No. The mouth is generally used.

Q.—How do you tell which is your side dish of spinach?

A.—Don't be silly.. Who wants to?

Q.—What would be the proper thing to say if, in carving the duck, it should skid off the platter and into your neighbor's lap?

A.—Be very courteous. Say, "May I trouble you for that duck?" —*Wisconsin Engineer.*

Trusty: "I'll do anything I can, Warden."

Warden: "Well, don't put yourself out."